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FROM:

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DATE:

August 11, 2011

RE:

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS; SELECTION OF ARCHITECT

Firms interested in being considered for an interview for the project on the attached pages must follow these procedures:

- Submit two (2) copies of Form 115 for this project, which can be found at http://architecture.mt.gov/default.mcpx. Further instructions for filling out the form are on the 115. Information in addition to the 115 is acceptable.
- Form 115 submissions must be received at the A&E office no later than 5:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, August 31, 2011**.
- Please submit originals only; faxes or e-mails of qualifications will not be accepted, nor will submissions received after the deadline.

Firms selected for an interview on the project

- Will be given the initial information document and interview questions.
- Will present their credentials before a selection committee. The committee will then submit the names of three (3) qualified firms to the Department of Administration Director, who will appoint one firm for that project in accordance with 18-2-112 MCA.

The state of Montana makes reasonable accommodations for any known disability that may interfere with an applicant's ability to compete in the application and selection process or that may interfere with an applicant's ability to perform the essential duties of the job. In order for the state to make such accommodations, applicants must make known any needed accommodation to the individual project managers or agency contacts listed. Persons using TDD may call the Montana Relay Service at 1-800-253-4091.

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CONSTRUCT STUDENT DORM The University of Montana, Montana Tech, Butte A/E #2012-06-01 Project Budget: \$150,000 (Planning)

Montana Tech of the University of Montana is requesting statements of qualifications from design teams to:

- program and evaluate a limited number of potential sites;
- design and administer construction of a new co-ed residence hall located on the north (main) campus.

This project is on a fast track in that Montana Tech wishes to present a conceptual design and cost estimate to the Board of Regents (BOR) in November 2011. The University of Montana (UM) intends to request BOR authority to issue bonds for their Biomass and other UM projects this November. Montana Tech needs to present this project to the BOR at the same time to include it with the bonds that are issued when those projects have final approval.

The project goal is to increase the availability of attractive, convenient, sustainable student housing. Montana Tech anticipates the project will increase the on-campus living opportunities by about 100 to 200 beds, but that decision will be balanced with the cost and the style of living desired. The design team will assist in the evaluation of campus living options that meet the needs and expectations of students and provide Montana Tech a reasonable return on investment.

Currently it is Montana Tech's intent that this be a residence hall for non-freshmen students. Montana Tech is looking for the design team to present options, engage the owner team in the evaluation/discussion of options and work closely with Montana Tech in the development of financial information.

Teams will be notified of selection for interview by September 6, 2011. Interviews are tentatively scheduled for September 19 or 20, 2011.

For further information, contact
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